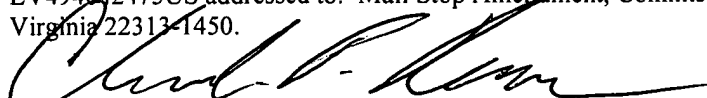




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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Office Action of November 23, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits this Response:

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that are provided for in documents accompanying this Response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 20-0823.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.